GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FEMALE CONTRACEPTIVE
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to introduce Condoms for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any awareness campaign is likely to be carried out for the usage of such condoms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Female condoms are being distributed through selected NGOs implementing targeted intervention programmes among the female sex workers in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka,Tamil Nadu,Maharashtra,Gujarat and West Bengal with the support of State AIDS Control Societies, at the subsidized rate of Rs. 5/- per piece. In 2008-09, female condoms will be made available in all the targeted interventions for female sex workers in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d). The Information, Education and Communication activities for promoting female condoms were conducted in all the above mentioned States and will continue under the targeted intervention programme.